

Waukesha Police Department Media Release

Officer Involved Shooting – 1500 blk Oakdale

12/14/22

Update:

The involved officers were released from the hospital last night. Both officers are healing at home with their families. The officer that was struck by gunfire sustained an injury to his chest. The round did not penetrate the ballistic vest and the body worn camera was struck. The other officer had minor injuries and was treated and released. Per department policy and best practices, both officers are on paid administrative leave. This administrative leave is used to allow the officers time to work through the series of emotions they may experience following a critical incident. It also provides time to conduct the follow through considerations involved in these incidents.

At approximately 2:00 AM this morning the crime scene was turned over to the property owner.

The identification of the suspect will not be released at this time pending family notification and positive identification by the medical examiner's office. Furthermore, the medical examiner will be conducting an investigation and will determine the manner and cause of death.

The Milwaukee Area Investigative Team is still conducting interviews of witnesses and officers as the investigation is still open and active. We are mindful of the outside investigation that is currently taking place and with that comes information that must be vetted and verified on multiple levels. We will maintain the integrity of the investigation and respect the judicial process and provide that space to the investigative agency.

We are grateful for all the support from all the law enforcement agencies that are supporting us.

On Wednesday December 14, 2022 at approximately 3:35pm officers from the Waukesha Police Department responded to the 1500 blk of Oakdale Dr for a wellbeing check.

Officers met with the landlord who requested assistance from the police while he spoke with the tenant, who was displaying erratic behavior. The officers were checking the house with the landlord. As the officers went down in the basement the female suspect fired at the officers. One Waukesha Police officer was struck by gunfire. The victim officer returned fire striking the female suspect.

The Waukesha Police Department Deployable Technology Unit responded to the scene and utilized unmanned aerial vehicles to locate the suspect in the basement. Officers entered the residence and located the suspect deceased in the basement. A firearm was recovered on scene.

Both victim officers are male. One of the victim officers is 44 years old with 21 years of service. The second victim officer is 38 years old with 12 years of service. Both officers are being treated and are in good condition. The officer that was shot was wearing his ballistic vest, which was effective.

The Milwaukee Area Investigative Team, led by the Greenfield Police Department will investigating this incident.

The scene is secure and safe, however the investigation is very fluid. Information relative to round count, type of firearm, suspect identification will not be able to be accurately answered at this time as we need to vet and verify all the information in cooperation with MAIT.

Initial information shows that the officers acted within state statutes and department policy, and fulfilled the Mission of the Waukesha Police Department, "A Pledge to Serve with Integrity, Honor and Courage".